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**REMARKS**

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2005. In light of the Office Action, Applicant has canceled Claims 1-3, 10, 20-22, 29, and 39 and amended Claims 4-6, 8, 12, 13, 19, 23-25, 27, 31, 32, and 38. The application now includes Claims 4-9, 11-19, 23-28, and 30-38.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 11 and 30 were allowed. In light of this favorable indication, Applicant has amended the application to accept these claims and place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, Applicant has amended the various dependent claims of the application to properly depend from either allowed Claim 11 or allowed Claim 30. Applicant deleted those claims that included redundant subject matter to that of allowed Claims 11 and 30.


In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 4-9, 11-19, 23-28, and 30-38 are now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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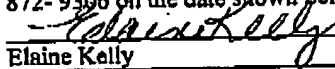


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